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GROUP ART UNIT: 2613

SERIAL NO.: 09/423,454

EXAMINER: Allen C. WONG

FILED: November 8, 1999

CONFIRMATION NO.: 6761

**TITLE: METHOD AND ARRANGEMENT FOR ENCODING AND DECODING A
DIGITIZED IMAGE WITH PICTURE ELEMENTS**
RESPONSE E AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents - Mail Stop Amendment

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*26	MINUS	**26	X	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	
INDEP. CLAIMS	*4	MINUS	4	X	() X 43.00 () X 86.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$145.00 () \$290.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Dear Sir:

This response is directed to the Non-Final Office Action, Paper 17, mailed
August 20, 2004. Applicants thank the Examiner for the non-finality of the present
Office Action.

15 Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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